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FOR NEA FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, PGOV, KU
SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FOR NEWLY-NAMED
HEIR APPARENT/CROWN PRINCE

REF: STATE 027786

1. MFA PROTOCOL CHIEF TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT HIS OFFICE IS WORKING ON PLANS FOR DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO PRESENT CONGRATULATIONS TO SHEIKH SA'AD AL-ABDULLAH AND THAT WE WILL BE INFORMED WHEN ARRANGEMENTS MADE. MEANWHILE I BELIEVE ANY FORMAL CONGRATULATIONS ARE PREMATURE AT THE MOMENT IN THAT THERE IS A CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENT THAT APPOINTMENT BE RATIFIED. INDICATIONS ARE THAT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IS CONSIDERED COMPETENT TO RATIFY, IN ABSENCE OF A SITTING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; BUT AS THE PRESENT COUNCIL HAS FORMALLY RESIGNED AND IS IN CARETAKER STATUS, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER IT WILL ACT OR AWAIT THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PRIME MINISTER AND THE FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT.

2. BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL SEPARATION OF THE HEIR APPARENT/CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER POSITIONS, IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE TO SEND CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO BOTH INDIVIDUALS. I HAD THOUGHT THAT, IN CASE OF SUCH SEPARATION, A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT TO SHEIKH SA'AD AND ONE
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FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE NEW PRIME MINISTER, WHO SHOULD BE NAMED SOON, WOULD BE IN ORDER. IF SHEIKH SA'AD IS HIMSELF APPOINTED PRIME MINISTER, THEN A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY WOULD SUFFICE.

3. SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT DEPT BE PREPARED TO GO EITHER WAY ON THE MESSAGES AS SOON AS APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL STEPS

ARE TAKEN HERE.

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